

and their percentage level in the new Policy, are as follows:

System	Percentage of Annual level		
	Yarn	Fibrics (other than Cat. 3. Cat 3, 3a/EU 3a/EU)	Fabrics (For Cat. 3. 3a/EU)
Past Performance Entitlement (PPE)	55	55	55
(of which, High Value Entitlement)	(15)	(15)	(15)
Manufacturer-Exporters Entitlement (MEE)	15	15	15
Ready Goods Exporters Entitlement (RGE)	25	15	25
Non-Quota Exporters Entitlement (NQE)	5	5	5
Powerloom Exporters Entitlement (PEE)	-	10	-
Total	100%	100%	100%

The handloom made-up items under quantitative restraint in USA are to be allocated as follow :

System	Percentage of Annual Level
Past Performance Entitlement (PPE)	55
(of which High Value Entitlement)	(15)
Ready Goods Exporters' Entitlement (RGE)	40
Non-Quota Exporters' Entitlement (NQE)	5

Illegal Copper Trade

4257. SHRI G.M. KUNTURKAR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem appearing in 'The Hindustan Times' dated October 3, 1996 under caption "Illegal Copper Trade has Cost Crores";

(b) if so, the details of illegal copper trade unearthed by the Government during the current year; and

(c) the action taken by the Government against those who are involved in the illegal trade?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have not unearthed any illegal copper trade as brought out in the news item. The Small and tiny units in Delhi manufacturing the winding wires obtain the supplies of electrolytic copper from the Hindustan Cooper Limited, MMTC and through direct imports. These units are registered with the Central Excise Department by Code/registration numbers and avail MODVAT credit on the materials received through these channels. End/actual users of winding wires get credit adjustment of excise duty paid by winding wire manufacturers under MODVAT. Under the MODVAT scheme, there is no incentive for SSI units to avoid payment of excise duty. the units with turnover upto Rs.30 lakhs are, however, exempted from the excise duty.

(c) In view of 'B' above, does not arise.

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Natural Gas in Vehicles

4258. SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether use of compressed natural Gas in Government vehicles is proving expensive;

(b) whether maintenance and safety of vehicles run by compressed Natural Gas is difficult; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Dams on Katri River

4259. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the amount spent on construction of the dam on the Katri river, near the Gazli-Tond coal mine;

(b) whether seepage occurred after cracks developed in the new dam recently; and

(c) if so, the action taken against the guilty persons in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) As per information furnished by Coal India Limited (CIL), a sum of about Rs. 20 lakhs has been spent by Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) for construction of the Katri river near the Gaslitand coal mine.

(b) CIL has reported that no cracks developed in the new embankment and there was no seepage through the body of the embankment.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.